



**Message from President Marilyn Swing** - Happy New Year! 2017 promises to be a busy and exciting year at Two Rivers Mansion, as plans unfold for implementing a new 20-year Master Plan for our historic site. The most visible work can already be seen at the entrance, where custom-designed signage is being erected to better identify the property and welcome our visitors. It is fitting that the stone for the pillars has been quarried from the property itself, just as it was for construction of the Mansion in the 1850's.

A new year of activities at the Mansion begins with the annual Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show in February. A treasure trove of antiques, collectibles, and goodies shown on two floors of the Mansion makes it a definite "Must Do" winter event that benefits our beloved Two Rivers. We hope to see you there and at other events at the Mansion in 2017!

The improvements made and increased recognition of Two Rivers Mansion in the past six years could only have been achieved with the commitment of a very dedicated board of directors. The last group of original members, who served since Friends was founded in 2010, completed their terms of service at the end of December, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for their time, energy, passion, and hard work that produced unprecedented results for such a young organization. A solid foundation has been laid for the future of the Friends organization and this treasured historic property.

**Changes with the Board** - As mentioned in the President's remarks, the passage of 2016 meant the end of Board terms for the last six of the original Board members. As the Founder, these six individuals hold a special significance to me because it's largely due to their belief in the vision that was cast, and their dedication to work toward achieving that vision, that the Friend's group has experienced the degree of success the last six years has produced. They are truly more than just "Friends" of Two Rivers Mansion; they represent the very 'heart and soul' of the organization. Thank you each one for your contributions: From left to right - Bill Lafolette, Sherry Forrest, Carolyn Sullivan, Jane Greenway, Jan Brown and Willie McDonald



**Corporate Sponsor spotlight** - Enviro-Scapes, LLC, which is located in the heart of Donelson on Shady Grove Rd, is one of the most recent corporate supports of the Friends group. This business had its beginning in 1992 when Mark Russell opened Mark's Lawncare in order to make money while he was completing his Bachelor's Degree at MTSU. During this period of time Mark's brother Mike, a UT graduate, moved back to Nashville from Savannah,



GA where he had worked as a division head for Avert Express. Mike started working with Mark and they soon realized that the booming housing market was ripe for a range of services they could not provide themselves and Enviro-Scapes was created for that purpose. The business has grown from 2 to 4, then to 40, then 80 and today Enviro-Scapes employs approximately 150 individuals

whose purpose is the beautification of homes, institutions and businesses in the great Nashville/Middle Tennessee area.

Enviro-Scapes continues to be a family owned business that takes great pride in the services they provide to the greater Nashville area. Their mission reflects the belief that providing exceptional design, quality plant materials and follow-up maintenance is the only way to run a reputable landscape company.

The Friends of Two Rivers is grateful for the support of the Russell brothers and Enviro-Scapes LLC. and the care they provide for the boxwood garden and fountain area that graces the circular drive in front of the Mansion.

**Two Hearts Antique Show** - The next scheduled Friends event at the Mansion is the Two Hearts Antique Show scheduled for the weekend of February 17th, 18th and 19th. This has proven to be one of the favorite events at the mansion and makes for a perfect winter outing and antidote for cabin fever. Hours on Friday and Saturday are 10 am to 4 pm and on Sunday from noon to 4 pm. **The flyer is included at the end of the newsletter and you are encouraged to make copies and help in promoting this year's event.**

**A Review of the 2016** - It may come as a surprise but the Mansion is busy much of the year. In 2016 there were 96 days in which some type of activity was going on in the Mansion or on the grounds. Weddings accounted for 17 of those activities but there was a great diversity of other happens that included meetings, concerts, historic tours, a Nashville history class, an outdoor painting class, antique shows, a car show and the beer and wine festival. In addition the Mansion is

frequently the site of photo and video shoots. The total number of visitors for these and other events not included in the list approached 13,000 folks who came to have a Two Rivers Mansion experience.

**New Sign in 2017** - One of the first visible results of the completed Master Plan will be new signage for the Mansion property. The sign itself is nearing completion and as the photo indicates, the site work is underway. The stone for the pillars is from one of the quarry sites on property and will mirror the appearance of the stone pillars at the entry gate. The cost of this project is being underwritten by William Blundin. Mr. Blundin is a Friends member and also a cousin of Mary Louise Bransford McGavock. Mary Louise was the last surviving McGavock widow who died in 1965. Weather conditions will dictate how soon the site work will be completed but the hope is that the new sign will be in place by month's end.



**Volunteer Opportunities** - Now that the Master Plan is complete and the recommendations for the future are presented this month to the Park Board, there will be increasing needs for volunteers to help with the implementation of additional educational programs and opportunities in addition to the on going staffing of existing Friends activities during the year. The needs don't require a lot of physical effort and the time requirement is minimal and flexible. In addition, it fun and rewarding. If you are interested in finding out more about the volunteer needs you can respond to the e-mail this document is attached to or you can inquire the next time you attend an event at the Mansion.

**Membership** - A membership with the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion is one of the best deals in Nashville. Memberships are available in categories that range from a minimum of \$20 a year up to corporate memberships of \$2,000 a year or \$3,000 for two years. **All membership fees are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible.** Friends members are admitted free at all Friends sponsored events at the Mansion upon presentation of a current membership card. Those events include, but are not limited to, the winter antique show in the Mansion, all Music at the Mansion programs, Halloween at the Mansion and historic tours of the property. Admission to these events range from \$5 to \$10 per person so its easy to see that a basic membership cost far less than the combined admissions. Parking is free and traffic is not a problem, and, your support enables the organization to continue offering more opportunities, while at the same time,

continuing the restoration and preservation work that's at the heart of our mission statement.

The **Basic** categories are listed below and anyone interested in using the Mansion for a wedding or other large event can choose from one of **Event Membership or Supporting Membership** categories which will be determined at a time of a consultation with the Two Rivers Mansion Events Coordinator, Laura Carrillo. She can be reached at 615-885-1112 or [laura.carrillo@nashville.gov](mailto:laura.carrillo@nashville.gov) .

The Friends website located at [www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org](http://www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org) has a link that will allow for a membership purchase as well as other items that are available in the Mansion Shoppe.

The membership form below can also be used to secure a membership. The Friends of Two Rivers is a 501c3 organization which means that membership are tax deductible gifts to the organization.

**BASIC Membership** for Friends of Two Rivers Mansion includes:

I. Senior citizen or Student - \$20 annual or \$55 for 3 years

II. Individual - \$25 annual or \$65 for 3 years

III. Family - \$50 or \$125 for 3 years

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Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ gift for my tax-deductible membership.

Checks should be made payable to Friends of Two Rivers Mansion and mailed to:  
The Friends of Two Rives Mansion, 3130 McGavock, Nashville, TN 37214

*Phil Claiborne*

Founder and President Emeritus  
The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion,  
a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization

## *Two Hearts Antiques & Crafts Show*



***Two Rivers Mansion  
3130 McGavock Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
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***February 17, 2017 10:00am – 4:00pm  
February 18, 2017 10:00am – 4:00pm  
February 19, 2017 12:00pm – 4:00pm***

***Antiques, Arts & Craft vendors, Coffee Shoppe, Free Parking  
Admission \$ 5.00 for Adults / \$ 2.00 for Children  
Members Free***

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